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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISTANBUL AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
SECURITY

REF: STATE 212490

1. SECURITY STANDARDS AT SEEB INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MUSCAT) AND SALALAH ARE THOROUGH AND FULLY IN ACCORD WITH ICAO RECOMMENDED PRACTICES. OMANGOV HAS NOT YET RATIFIED 970 HAGUE AND 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTIONS BUT IS IN PROCESS OF DOING SO.

2. OMANGOV'S ANTI-HIJACKING MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED GOOD. ACCESS TO TRANSIT LOUNGE IS SEVERELY LIMITED, AND UNSCREENED PERSONS ARE FORBIDDEN TO MINGLE WITH PASSENGERS ALREADY SCREENED. ONLY PERSONS OTHER THAN SCREENED PASSENGERS ALLOWED TO ENTER LOUNGE ARE UNIFORMED POLICE AND BADGE-CARRYING AIRPORT EMPLOYEES. BODY SEARCHES AND INSPECTION OF OUTGOING HAND BAGGAGE ARE CONDUCTED CAREFULLY. LUGGAGE OF INCOMING PASSENGERS IS SEARCHED UPON ARRIVAL. RUNWAYS ARE CORDONED BY WIRE FENCE, AND POLICE SURVEILLANCE MAKES ACCESS TO FLIGHT APRON BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE. EMBOFF MEETING PLANE AUG 31 OBSERVED 5 UNIFORMED POLICE IN SMALL PASSENGER ARRIVAL AREA ALONE, INCLUDING 2 WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.

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3. POLICE ARE PARTICULARLY VIGILANT IN DENYING ENTRY INTO OMAN BY CITIZENS OF COUNTRIES WITH EXTREME LEFT OR COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, AN AIRCRAFT CARRYING MEMBERS OF ANGOLAN DELEGATION TO COLOMBO NAC RECENTLY MADE UNSCHEDULED FUEL STOP AT SEEB AIRPORT; PLANE WAS RINGED BY TROOPS AND ARMORED VEHICLES, AND NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE OR ENTER AIRCRAFT. ANY PALESTINIANS RESIDING IN OMAN ARE KEPT UNDER CONTINUAL POLICE SCRUTINY.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, AND SINCE FAA TEAM IN OMAN HAS DAY-TO-DAY CONTACT WITH DGCA AND AIRPORT OFFICIALS, WE DOUBT THAT A SPECIAL EMBASSY APPROACH ON TERRORISM IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

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